

SUNSIDES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT



SERVING RESIDENTS OF THE SUNSIDES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT,
AND NEIGHBORING COCHISE COUNTY
Mailing Address: PO Box 507, 105 TRACY ROAD PEARCE, AZ 85625
PHONE: (520) 826-3645; FAX: (520) 826-3586
www.sunsitesfire.org

Sunsites-Pearce Fire District Budget Work Session May 8, 2015

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Chairman Robert Fino.

A. Attendance and Confirmation of Quorum. Chairman Robert Fino, Clerk Brian McClain, Board Member Brian Allen, and Board Member Joanna Baker were present. Chairman Fino confirmed that a Quorum was present.

B. Board Members Absent. Board Member Jason Simmons.

C. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest. No Board Member declared a conflict of interest.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Interim Fire Chief Josh Steinberg led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget Work Session.** Chairman Fino stated that no actions would take place; this meeting was for discussion purposes only. Interim Fire Chief Steinberg then presented the projected budget and explained each line item to the board.

Clerk McClain and Board Member Baker asked for further explanation on Taxes Levied and the MIL rate projection. Interim Fire Chief Steinberg explained that the MIL rate that was calculated was based on the Levy Limit Worksheet received from the Cochise County Assessor. Based on the current assessed values, from the worksheet, we concluded Sunsites-Pearce Fire District would need to raise the rate to \$3.20 in order to cover department functions.

In reviewing the ambulance revenue, Interim Fire Chief Steinberg informed the board that we will be pursuing an ambulance rate increase in the near future.

After reviewing all personnel costs, Clerk McClain requested staff present personnel costs again, with a three percent wage increase for everyone below captain rank. Interim Fire Chief Steinberg continues to explain operations costs, and answers clarifying questions from the board.

Clerk McClain requested staff look into the cost of a five million dollar medical malpractice coverage, compared to the current one million dollar medical malpractice coverage.

Board Members discussed adding a Public Outreach of two thousand, five hundred dollars to further advertise and explain district boundary lines.

4. **Adjourn.** At 6:46 p.m. Board Member Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Clerk McClain seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelsi Suprenant

X Janne Baker
Board Clerk 5/19/2015